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**News from State Auditor Ed Hatchett's Office**

**Hatchett Releases Audit of Lee County Sheriff's Office**

(Frankfort) State Auditor Ed Hatchett today released his audit of the 1998 financial statements of former Lee County Sheriff William Kilburn, Jr. As Auditor of Public Accounts, Hatchett is responsible for auditing the accounts and financial transactions of Kentucky's county governments and state agencies. State law requires the Auditor to conduct annual audits of county clerks and sheriffs.

The Sheriff's responsibilities include collecting real estate taxes, providing law enforcement and performing services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice. The Sheriff's office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The financial statement audited presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the former Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 1998.